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SUBJECT: KAWASAKI CONTRACT WITH GOTAAS- LARSEN

REF: TOKYO 6629

1. FOLLOWING IS IN RESPONSE MAY 31 MARAD CABLE TO SOMECK (REF 73-22):

2. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE FOR FOUR SHIPS ORDERED BY GOTAAS- LARSEN UNDER MAY 21 CONTRACT WITH KAWASAKI HEAVY INDUSTRIES (KHI) WAS STATED BY LATTER TO BE 85 BILLION YEN, EQUIVALENT TO APPROX DOLS 320 MILLION AT CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE. THIS ONLY PRICE INFO KHI WILLING DIVULGE. ACCORDING KHI OFFICIAL, GOTAAS- LARSEN HAS STATEMENT SIGNED BY KHI PRESIDENT YOTSUMOTO THAT CONTRACT CAN BE CANCELLED IF KHI DISCLOSES PRICE OF INDIVIDUAL LNG VESSELS. ONE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT GOTAAS- LARSEN CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH EUROPEAN SHIPBUILDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION ADDITIONAL LNG TANKERS AND DOES NOT WANT LATTER TO KNOW PRICE TERMS OF CONTRACT WITH KHI.

3. SPECIFICATIONS OF LNG TANKERS ORDERED FROM KHI ARE AS FOLLOWS:
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LENGTH 289 METERS; WIDTH 44.6 METERS; DEPTTH 25 METERS; DRAFT
11.4 METERS; TONNAGE 65,745 L/ T; PROPULSION BY KAWASAKI UC TURBINE,
45,000 PS OUT (SHAFT HP); SPEED 21 KNOTS. VESSELS WILL HAVE LNG
TANK CACITY OF ABOUT 128,000 CUBIC METERS.

4. FOREGOING ARE ONLY SPECIFICATIONS KHI PREPARED DIVULGE. HOWEVER,
ACCORDING MAY 29 ISSUE SHIPPING AND TRADE NEWS, LNG CARRIERS WILL
BE BASED ON " SELF- SUPPORTING TANK" SYSTEM, WITH FIVE SPHERICAL
TANKS OF ALUMINUM ALLOY. S AND T NEWS REFERRED TO SYSTEM AS " MOSS
FORMULA" DEVELOPED BY MOSS ROSENBERG VERFT A. S. OF NORWAY. MARAD
MIGHT WISH CONFIRM THIS ADDITIONAL INFO WITH GOTAAS- LARSEN.
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